Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 16, 1972

HALFWAY — Pitting distance runners and weightmen against Huntington's sprint and hurdle strengths, Pine-Eagle turned Saturday's meet into a two-team affair, losing 95-81 to the steaming Locomotives.

Elgin was 51 points off the winning pace with 44 points for third place.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 16, 1997

The Oregon Department of Transportation is prepared to paint new lines on a section of Campbell Street by the end of June, changing the street from two travel lanes in each direction to one.

The new striping scheme would extend from Resort Street east to Plum Street, said Randy Jones, Baker City's public works director.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 16, 2012

Council chambers at Baker City Hall overflowed with people on Saturday afternoon as U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden hosted a town hall meeting.

As was the case last week when Oregon's other U.S. senator, Jeff Merkley, visited Baker City, most of the inquiries for Wyden - and some frustrated periods of venting — were about the recently announced Travel Management Plan for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 17, 2021

They wind their way between the pines like wraiths, dripping dollops of fire with each stride.

Smoke, and the blurring effect of rising waves of heat, combine to obscure the figures.

But their bright yellow shirts, made of fire-resistant cloth, are visible as they bob along, rather like nightflies flitting among the ponderosas and the sage and the occasional clump of bitterbrush.

The firefighters are here on the north side of Phillips Reservoir on the blue-sky morning of Thursday, April 15 with multiple goals to accomplish with their flaming torches and their flat-bladed tools designed to scrape away the forest duff to mineral soil.

One reason they're here, while a few scraps of snow still shelter in the north-facing gullies, is to reduce the chances that they'll have to come back on a scorching day in July or August.

A day when the flames can't be wielded like a tool, when they won't be an ally.

A day when every ember is a dangerous enemy. Experts in the nuances of the forest, and its relationship with flames, call it a prescribed fire. It is an apt term.

The second-growth ponderosa forests that grow between the reservoir and Highway 7, from Mason Dam west up the Sumpter Valley aren't sick.

The fire that's prescribed in this case serves more as a tonic, a supplement of sorts to keep the forest healthy.

Trevor Lewis eschews the cliché of fighting fire with fire, but he concedes that's a significant part of the purpose of Thursday's fire, which covered about 535 acres

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 13

6-19-29-45-47-48Next jackpot: \$4.2 million

POWERBALL, APRIL 13

14 - 16 - 41 - 63 - 68 PB 26

Next jackpot: \$325 million **MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 12**

2-8-14-20-31 Mega 17 Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 13 3-5-15-20

PICK 4, APRIL 14

• 1 p.m.: 9-7-8-0

• 4 p.m.: 9-3-4-5

• 7 p.m.: 3 - 1 - 3 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 5 – 7 – 1 – 2

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 14

1-5-11-14-18-22-28-31

Next jackpot: \$26,000

SENIOR MENUS

MONDAY (April 18): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, brownies TUESDAY (April 19): Chicken strips, tater tots, corn, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, pudding

WEDNESDAY (April 20): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, lemon squares THURSDAY (April 21): Beef burgundy over fettuccine noodles, carrots, rolls, potato salad, cookies

FRIDAY (April 22): Pork roast, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, applesauce, tapioca

MONDAY (April 25): Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, biscuits, green salad, peach crisp

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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Fire and ice close Interstate 84

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If ice isn't closing Interstate 84 through Eastern Oregon, fire might be.

Both impediments led to blockages on the region's main thoroughfare on Thursday morning, April 14.

First, heavy snow on Cabbage Hill, between Pendleton and Meacham, contributed to multiple commercial trucks, some running without tire chains, becoming stuck and blocking all lanes of the freeway around 8 a.m.

The freeway closure, as frequently happens, was extended to La Grande, Baker City and Ontario due to limited truck parking in Baker City and La Grande.

The freeway reopened around 10 a.m.

But a little more than an hour later, a crash involving two trucks, both of which caught fire following the collision, closed the eastbound lanes near Huntington, about 46 miles southeast of Baker City.

The interstate reopened around 2:30 p.m.

According to an Oregon State Police report, one truck was in the slow lane due to a mechanical issue. The second truck struck the first truck from behind. Both vehicles ended up in the median, and both "quickly became fully engulfed," according to the report.

The preliminary report lists two drivers — Sergio Crispin Ponce, 47, and Lee A. Loder, 40 — but it does not say which driver was operating which truck.



Oregon State Police/Contributed Photo

A fire engine from Huntington sprays water on two commercial trucks that caught fire after colliding in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 near Milepost 350, about 46 miles southeast of Baker City, late Thursday morning, April 14, 2022.

Local Briefing

Baker City man to talk about trip to climate change conference

PENDLETON — The Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition is set to host its monthly informational presentation on Tuesday, April 19.

Peter Fargo, a Baker City resident and co-founder of ClimateVigil.org, will provide a recap of his time as an official observer for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Fargo observed the UN meeting, in which member nations pledged to work collectively toward reducing emission of greenhouse gases and limiting the rise of the global average temperature. His speech at the virtual meeting, entitled "Mr. Fargo Goes to Glasgow," will summarize the UN meeting and reflect on impacts on Eastern Oregon.

The coalition hosts the free program virtually, Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. To request Zoom login information. email eastoregonclimatechange@gmail.com or go to www.eoc3.org for information about joining the zoom meeting. The zoom link will be sent out via email on April 18.

Workshop on lawn care set for April 23

A three-hour workshop on growing and maintaining a lawn is set for April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Baker **County Community Events** Center, 2600 East St.

Participants can register by calling the OSU Extension

FUNERALS PENDING

Rusty and Donny Brodhead: Memorial

service will military honors will take

the North Powder Cemetery. Online

condolences can be shared at www.

tam is pineval ley funeral home. com.

Agnes Bird: A celebration of Agnes

life and graveside service will take

place Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at

Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. A

Halfway Lions Hall. Those who would

like to make a donation in memory of

Agnes can do so to the Hells Canyon

Junior Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services,

P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online

Ivan Harry Bork: A celebration of his

May 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballroom at the Baker Heritage Museum,

2480 Grove St. For those who would

Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online

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tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

like to make a donation in honor of Ivan, the family suggests Hunt of a Lifetime through Tami's Pine Valley

life and potluck will take place Saturday,

condolences can be made at www. tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

reception will follow immediately at the

place Friday, April 22 at 11 a.m. at

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Service at 541-523-6418 and pay at the door. Cost is \$10 per person.

David Cowan, an OSU Extension master gardener since 2005, will conduct the workshop. Topics include the role turf can play in a sustainable landscape, tips for proper installation and revitalization, sound cultural practices for maintaining a lawn, minimizing the risk of pests, and suggestions for selecting useful turf care tools.

BHS baseball 'Pink Night' for breast cancer awareness

The Baker High School baseball team will have its Pink Night, to raise awareness about breast cancer and honor those affected by it, on Monday, April 25, when the Bulldogs play Heppner/ Ione at 5 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex.

Baker players will wear pink uniforms and hats. Everyone is invited to attend and to also don pink clothing.

Fundraising dinner to support ministry at **University of Idaho**

The Knights of Columbus will have a steak dinner in Baker City on April 30 to raise money for its sponsorship of a vouth minister who works with students at the University of Idaho.

Pastor Bryson Thomas has a full-time ministry position at the university. She is a former Baker City resident, said Matt Reidy, a member of the Knights of Columbus.

City, 9:39 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the

police department; cited and released.

OFFENDER (Baker County Circuit Court

City, 7:40 a.m. Thursday, April 14, at the

warrant): Eric Lee Cavyell, 31, Baker

sheriff's office: cited and released

Baker County Sheriff's Office

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX

Arrests, citations

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by calling Reidy at 505-290-0237. Bible class on 'The Key of David' planned May 7 in Baker City

The steak dinner, which in-

cludes baked potatoes from

Ward Ranches in Baker Val-

ley, salad and dessert, will be

served at the St. Francis de

Sales Cathedral parish hall,

2235 First St. There will be

two two sittings: 4:30 p.m. to

5 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15

Tickets must be bought in ad-

vance, either at the parish hall,

which is open weekdays from

for children 12 and younger.

A Bible class with the theme "The Key of David" is planned for Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. Gary Robinson invites people to attend.

Baker County Weed District offers free herbicide

The Baker County Weed District is starting its free

herbicide giveaway events this month.

Residents can pick up five gallons of premixed herbicide, enough to cover about 4,000 square feet. The product can be tailored to deal with specific weeds.

The schedule:

• Baker City: First and third Thursday of the month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Weed District office, 1050 S. Bridge St.

• Huntington: Fourth Thursday of the month, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Lions Park. • Unity: Fourth Thursday

of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wayne Morin Place in Hereford. • Richland: Second Thursday of the month, 8 a.m. to

10 a.m., Baker County lot at the triangle east of town. • Halfway: Second Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Baker County's shop

in Halfway. • Sumpter: Third Tuesday of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Volunteer Park.

More information is available by calling the Weed District at 541-523-0618.

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